

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed May 18, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to August 18, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

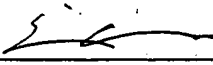
The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 5, 2000; February 15, 2001; March 15, 2001; March 22, 2001; August 15, 2001; November 2, 2001; June 21, 2002; October 16, 2002; December 20, 2002; March 5, 2003; August 6, 2003; September 17, 2003; October 9, 2003; July 6, 2004; October 13, 2004; and October 27, 2004.

Claims 21-41 and 43-90 are pending in the present application, of which claims 21-41 and 43-90 are allowed.

In response to the request in the Official Action, the specification has been amended to state the continuity data.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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